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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco – Local Radio Station Falls Victim to Ransomware Attack

(U) Local radio station KQED continues to battle a month-long ransomware attack on its Internet-connected devices, tools and machinery, which have been cut off in an attempt to isolate and contain the attack that infected the station's computers June 15. More than a month later, many remain offline. KQED reported the hack to the FBI. The company declined to pay the ransom, in line with law enforcement's usual advice, and has since been rebuilding the systems it lost and fortifying its network security to ensure that a virus brought in through one part of the organization cannot spread to another in the future.

SOURCE: 18 July 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Students Are the Newest US Weapon Against Terrorist Recruitment

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is enlisting American college students in an effort to stop the radicalization and recruitment of young people, mostly immigrants, by foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs). Under a program called Peer to Peer: Challenging Extremism, students at dozens of universities are given a budget of up to \$2,000 each semester to develop social media campaigns and other tools to counter the online recruiting efforts of terrorist groups like the Islamic State.

SOURCE: 18 July 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Hungary – All 18 International Trains Halted and Vacated

(U) Budapest – Hungarian police have halted and vacated all 18 international trains circulating in Hungary in response to a bomb threat. Police said they received a call from an unidentified man that explosives had been planted on international trains en route within Hungary.

SOURCE: 19 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Philippines - President Duterte Requests Extension of Martial Law

(U) Manila – With ISIS militants holding terrain in the southern Philippine city of Marawi, President Rodrigo Duterte asked the Philippine Congress to extend martial law on the island of Mindanao through the end of the year in order to remove all ISIS members and supporters. Mr. Duterte acknowledged in a letter to the leaders of Congress that the rebellion in Marawi “will not be quelled completely by 22nd July 2017,” when martial law is slated to end.

SOURCE: 18 July 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – US Department of Homeland Security Clears Saudi Airport

(U) Khobar – A ban on laptops and other large electronic devices from the cabins of direct flights to the United States from Saudi Arabia has been lifted, Saudi Arabian Airlines said on Wednesday. DHS has

inspected and cleared flights from Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport and Jeddah's King Abdulaziz International Airport from the ban.

SOURCE: 19 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Two People Arrested Under Terrorism Act

(U) Cardiff – Officers from North East and Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit have arrested two people on suspicion of terror offences, including the dissemination of terrorist publications. A 34 year-old man and a 36 year-old woman from Cardiff are currently being questioned by police in Bridgend. Searches at two addresses in the Grangetown area and one in Cathays have been carried out. Police say that eight people have been arrested in the last three weeks under the Terrorism Act, Proceeds of Crime, Immigration Act, Serious Crime Act and Fraud Act.

SOURCE: 18 July 2017, [ITV](#)

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